

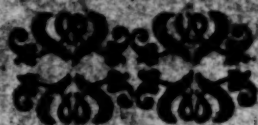
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Lively described in a Letter, sent by
the Seignior of Montmartin; one of the
Generall Deputies of the Reformed
Churches of FRANCE, to
a Friend of his.
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*I*R, The long experience which by your age and worth, you haue gotten in this World, having often invited me to take your advice in the discharge of my place, doth binde me likewise to giue you notice of any notable Accident hapning therein.

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Of late we haue beene busied about the discovery of a strange Imposture and Supposition, drawne from false witnesses, who by the suggestion of one *Guillot* of *Lyons*, had caused one *du Bois*, of the Countrie of *Pourin* (a man of the Reformed Religion, and deputed to exhibit our grievances, which we haue often cause to complaine of) to be imprisoned, accusing him of high treason; the information, hearing, and confrontment whereof, being orderly performed, during the time of his long imprisonment, there remained but one onely witnesse, and he not very constant neither, who averred to haue heard from the mouth of the said *Du Bois*: That the King might perhaps repent the so little keeping of his Word in the last Treatie of Peace; Wherevpon although it were but doubtfull, the Iudges (being according to their duties very nice in that which concerns the sacred person of our King) condemned the said *du Bois*, in an hundred and fiftie Franckes fine, banishing him from out of the jurisdiction of *Paris* for three yeeres, and forced

ced him to passe ouer an office which hee held. After all this he was yet detained a moneth longer in Prison, to giue the more way to any newe accusation, nor was there any instance made in favour of him, considering the waight of his accusation, although there appeared some manifest wrong therein : In the ende his libertie being obtained hee comes soorth : But it happens that within two houres after, That the same first Appeacher delivers into the hands of Father *Sigueran*, a letter found (as he affirmed) in the straw-bed of the afore-sayd *du Bois*, directed vnto him, and written and signed by the supposed name of *de la Roche* a fained inhabitant of the Towne of *Rochell*; and in the name as it were of the whole body thereof: the fearefull tenure whereof, tended vnto horrible and damnable Designes against the life of our King. Father *Sigueran*, without consideration of the astonishment it might haue bred, carrieth it forthwith to the King, and his Maiestie referreth it to an appointed Iudge.

Now as it was not onely his end who
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set this Informer on worke, to ayme sim-
 plic at the ruine of the said *Du Bois*, but al-
 so to involue in this Diuelish crime the
 Townesmen of *Rechell*, yea even endeuo-
 ring to bring into a generall hatred (which
 ought to be common to all good French-
 men against all such sacrilegious and de-
 testable paracides) all those of our pro-
 fession, hoping to stirre vp by iust execu-
 tions, or massacres, amongst the people,
 or by the indignation of our Prince in a
 generall warre, new troubles, and some
 mightie breach for the common enemy
 of our Estate: So the said Inventor sug-
 gested such matter in this Letter, as
 was able to ensnare vs all in the net of an
 inevitable ruine, as wee should haue ve-
 ry well deserved, if these suppositions
 had beene true, and recommends in ex-
 presse tearmes in his sayd discourse vnto
 the sayd *du Bois*, the resolution to ayme his
 stroake at the sacred bosome of our King,
 and from thence to passe vnto the person
 of *Monsieur* the Kings brother, by the di-
 rection and enchantment of a most noto-
 rious Magitian, whom he faines to haue
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beene sent vnto him, to metamorphoze him into a straw after the execution. And to spurre him on the better to this resolution, he remonstrates vnto him that *Mansfield* is weary of his long stay : That Monsieur *de Soubise* looseth the fruit of his surprisalls : That he shall finde a safe retreat vnder the Constable: and that the summe of six thousand Crownes, promised vnto him by those of *Rochell*, is readie. Thus you may see how this Project doth wholly tend to mustervp all matter which may seeme to further the inventors hatred, and our ruine.

But the more this busines seemed monstrous, the more it stirred vp the Iudges affection to vse all due circumspection and consideration; which presently invite him happily to a second seizure of *du Bois*, and vpon exact examination of the said Letter, comes by a number of notable circumstances, to suspect and discover the perfidiousnesse of this plot; so as every severall successe of this his travaile, doth worthily deserue an entire Description:

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for presently he runnes over all the Scribe-
ners, Coppiers, and Clerkes, discovers by
an Advocats Clerke of *Lions*, the very same
Character, the foresayd letter was written
withall; then hee visiteth all the Gravers
shopps, and found who made the Seale:
goes to the Stationers, compares there his
paper, and findes where the sayd Clerke
had bought the very same leafe so writ-
ten: seazeth on him, the Graver, and the
Accuser, who condemnes himselfe and
craues pardon, and discloseth and avou-
cheth a certaine Deputie of the Clergie of
Baye vpon *Baye*, to haue hired him there-
unto for 600. Crownes. Thus the meanes
and progresse of these discoveries doe
much recommend this good. Iudge vnto
all posteritie, and to haue well deserved of
the Common-wealth, which is euerie day
in expectation: through this his good
iustice and by the authoritie and expresse
commandement of his Maiestie, to see
exemplarie punishment performed vpon
these cursed *macha-villians*. And now you
may plainly see Syr how many iust occa-
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sions wee haue, to lift vp with thankes giving pure hands vnto God, for his holy protection, and defending of vs, and more particular preservation of his Royall Maiestie : For what more plausible subiect can we haue, to exercise our sinceritie and good intentions, then vpon this occasion to procure by our renewed fidelities and obedience, that true protection of his Maiesties Scepter, which wee craue. And from hence he may iustly hereafter be invited, vnto such a particular examinatioⁿ as shall distinctly averre that which they publicquely and so lightly impose vpon vs : so as observing with what spirit our Enemies are possessed, hee shall plainly see (if it please him) that by bending and leaning to their desires against his good subiects, hee shall destroy by his Armes, that which he may more profitably win by his protection, and withstand as courageously our common enemy, as we naturally hate him : It may please God that his Maiesty perceiving vs to be glewed to his Scepter alone, may conclude it as a

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thing iust in his iustice, to grant vs the entire accomplishment, and execution of those things which it pleased him to grant vs in the *treatie of peace*, and which we dare say by our behaviour, and His clemencie, wee haue deserved: least the inexecutions so notoriously observed towards vs, become so many staines, not able to bee washed out, but with the ground and all; and dimme the luster of that firme fidelitie, which is the ground and preservation of Kingdoms, as well as of ordinarie commerce amongst men. Nor doe these direfull and strong garrisons serue to any other end, then as baites vnto such as make sinister conclusions of his Maiesties intentions.

But returning to our Historie, you shall vnderstand, that this good Iudge, endeavourth to finde out the source of this instigation as aspiring vnto the publique peace: Yet I doubt me wee shall not attaine therevnto, yet although wee discover not the arme which did shoote them, wee haue seized on the arrowes of their
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pernitious designes, and by the blessing of our good God, this slander hath not yet beene able to set her viperous teeth on our reputation, since the murdering of the Lords Anointed ones hath beene in vse; for we know what is due even to the very skirt of *Saules* garment: all those of our profession being alwayes well instructed, to yeeld obedience to our Kings by nature and for conscience sake; And wee alone are they throughout all their Dominions, which take the oath of fidelitie vnto them exclusiue against all others. Certainly you which know by reading al our chronicles and your owne experience, what those Fryars be, of which there are yet a thousand brands smoaking, haue often represented vnto me, that in the heat of so many slaughters and executions wrongfully exercised against vs, there was never found any sparke of attempt amongst vs, nor any thing which hath had power, to stirre vs vp to affect a forraine Rule, and with-draw vs from the Scepter of our Birth. This is it which makes vs so iea-

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ious of our reputation, and so passionately and openly to cry out for iustice, as well for the common good as our particular preservation. The which beeing often assured vnto vs by the principall Ministers of *State* here, with the observation of our *Edicts*: I dare as often vpon their credits confirme the apparencies, and the good words which his Maiestie is pleased to giue vs concerning the continuâce of the peace, the onely supporter of our state and procurement of our felicitie; And which besides makes vs hope to be found fitt to transport the generous *Designes* of our Noble King, beyond the ordinarie limits, which the Spaniard hath too strickly measured out. In the meane time attending to heare from you, I will pray to God for the prosperitie of you and your braue Children, and euer remaine

Your humble and most

affectionate servant and Allie,
Montmartin Generall Deputie.

Paris 15. February, 1624.

Howsoever, if we consider the puritie
 of Gods Word and Gospell, the integritie of Christian Religion, and the meeke simplicitie of the Professors thereof, it may well be wondred at, that crymes of Treachery, Conspiracy, and fury, should be imputed vnto them who haue (following our Saviours counsell and example) suffered patiently, intollerable and most horrible persecutions, iniuries, and reproaches, without rendring the like to their Adversaries, as iustly they haue beene incited vnto; and might haue done by the law of Retribution; yet if we call to minde the inveterate malice of Sathan, and his children, against God, his Word, and his Church, with their accustomed dealings in this kinde from time to time ever since the beginning of the world, it may be esteemed no wonder at all; No, although these of later and present times, out-strip their forefathers, and Sathan now goe beyond himselfe, in inventing new and prodigious

digious persecutions and slaunders against
 Gods people; for the Devill is grown old
 and cunning, and hath distilled the quin-
 tessence of fury and villany into his Imps,
 especially into the Iesuits heads & hearts;
 who having set all Christendome toge-
 ther by the eares, by their subtile plots and
 devises, to the vtter ruine thereof, (if God
 in mercy doe not miraculously prevent it)
 while themselues sit aloft and laugh to see
 how they make fooles of all the world,
 thus to dance after their Pipe, and yet can
 so finely carry the matter, as (good soules)
 not once to be suspected; but rather it ap-
 peares to vulgar eyes, that they bestow
 much care and labour, to discover the au-
 thors of these combustions, and to that
 purpose doe they (like vnholly Fathers as
 they are) cry out in their Bookes of the
 Insurrections and Rebellions of *Protestants*
 in all Countries; and here they lay on load,
 raking all kennels for filthy lyes and foule
 imputations, to bedaub vs withall, and so
 to make vs vgly and odious in all mens
 sight; but let not this temptation trouble
 vs,

vs, for its newes, for Gods servants to
 be slaine and slaundered both at once : all
 Histories both sacred and prophane, make
 it manifest by multitudes of Examples,
 which it would be too long to rehearse in
 this short discourse ; onely we may well
 wonder, that these fellowes who haue
 such long memories to relate what they
 suppose *Protestants* haue done ; yet are so
 short in their owne rebellions and treche-
 rous actions ; insomuch, as one would
 thinke they had learned in Father *Aubigues*
 Schoole, the Art to forget any thing that
 may impeach their Catholicke cause. And
 therefore it were to be wished that some
 man of good sufficiencie would call to
 their remembrance, their transcendant tre-
 cheries and cruelties against *Protestants*, al-
 moit in all Countries of Christendome ;
 such as the massacring of many thousands
 in one Kingdome, within three dayes
 space : Blowing vp with Gun-powder the
 whole State of another ; besides their fa-
 miliar burning of poore Christians, of all
 degrees, sexes, and ages ; esteeming it no
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more (as one of them sayd) then the burning of an Earewig: or as another of them makes it but a matter of sport, to burne a man for some foolish opinions (as he calls them.): Surely these were hugely Catholicke, but it was in monstrous crueltie and villanie.

Now that it may appeare, they have not changed their qualities, behold here one knack of their Knavery, presently set on foote; whereby thou maist perceiue, that as their father the Devill was a lyar and a murtherer from the beginning, so they

as his naturall Children, will continue murtherers and lyers to the

end: God Almighty send

an end vnto their ma-

lice and mischief

at length for

Christ's sake.

Amen,

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